

saying:

"The Communist Party can depend on the NCC and their affiliated churches to carry out Objective No. 4. Dr. Eugene Carson Blake and Martin Luther King have this well in hand." (10).

Do the people in the pews endorse this activity in their church?

Eight months ago, a study of the National Council of Churches was made by the Staff of the Alabama Legislative Commission. This report begins with the following paragraph:

"The National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA has set itself up as promoter, director and screening committee for racial demonstrations in the South during this summer.

"The NCC, on June 7, 1963, set up a Commission on Religion and Race 'to engage the churches more directly in the present racial revolution.'

On page 2 we find that Savannah is one of 12 cities named for "delegations of church leaders to visit on fact-finding trips and negotiations for justice." It says that:

"Over 90 people have been released on bail from arduous and severe prison situations, the youngest in his early teens, and the oldest over seventy.

"The Commission, with the assistance of the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights under Law, were able to secure the services of a national lending company for the first time, to put up money for (bail) Civil Rights cases in Mississippi."

"Currently, in cooperation with local and state councils and churches, teams of Civil Rights and Religious Leaders are touring six mid-western states . . ."

Nearly five of this seven page report quotes the actual words of the National Council of Churches. The Alabama Legislative Commission has this to say:

"The NCC and its racial committee will be promoting, directing and helping to finance racial demonstrations this summer . . . approves, fosters and urges the breaking of laws which it considers to be unjust; that students are being hired off college campuses to lead the invasion of Dixie."

Should anyone doubt the last statement, I can give them a copy of an uncancelled check made out for \$339.85 by the National Council of Churches for the purpose of: "grant for student participating in student-interracial ministry program." (11).

This Alabama report quotes Richard Arens, Staff Director of our Government Investigating Committee, the House Committee on Un-American Activities:

"Thus far, of the leadership of the National Council of Churches of Christ in America, we have found over 100 persons in leadership capacity with either Communist front records or records of service to Communist causes. The aggregate affiliation of the leadership, instead of being in the hundreds, as the chairman first indicated, is now, according to our latest count, into the thousands, and we have yet to complete our check, which would certainly suggest on the basis of the authoritative sources of this committee, that the statement that there is infiltration of fellow-travelers in churches and educational institutions, is a complete understatement." (12).

"On October 15, 1953, the NCC held a testimonial meeting at Carnegie Hall to honor Dr. Harry F. Ward on his 90th birthday. Dr. Ward, founder of the Methodist Federation for Social Action (officially identified as a Communist front) was long active with the NCC and its predecessor, the Federal Council of Churches. He has been officially identified as a member of the Communist Party; was a close friend and confidant of Eugene Debs, Founder of the U. S. Socialist Party, and William Z. Foster, head of the Communist Party of America. He was head of Union Theological Seminary for many years and is credited with influencing many ministers towards his 'Social Gospel' and the Communist Party."

The report further states:

"In 1961 the United Youth Movement of the NCC published a pamphlet by William Cole Graham, called 'The Meaning of Sex'

## RED TRIUMVIRATE



Reverend Wm. Howard Melish (center), Episcopal minister, expelled from his Brooklyn Holy Trinity Church because of his open association with communist causes, shown with two of the world's top reds, Very Rev. Hewlett Johnson (left) and Paul Robeson (right). Johnson, the infamous Red Dean of Canterbury, has defended the entire Communist program. Paul Robeson, Stalin Peace Prize winner in 1952, Honorary Professor of Moscow State Conservatory of Music in 1958, was denied a passport in 1956 on the grounds that he was a Communist. Here is a typical statement of Rev. Melish:

**"Russian methods are strange but we know she is a going concern . . . her system works. It's Christianity that must seek a deliberate reconciliation with Russian Communism."**

in Christian Life.' In slang expressions, this pamphlet virtually advocates the flouting of sex standards by unmarried teen-agers, and endorses their revolt against such standards. To quote from one paragraph of the pamphlet:

'Our culture declares that all sexual activity within marriages is legal, proper and good, while any such activity outside marriage is illegal, sinful and wrong. This is to ignore the personal dimensions of life, to seek to force everyone under massive legal umbrella. You know and I know perfectly well that there are many marriages that are simply matters of convenience, that such sex as goes on within them is selfish, exploitative, and evil.

'We know further, that there is sexual contact between unmarried couples that is motivated by love and which is pure and on occasions beautiful.'

Such filth and corruption! However, this is not found in a smutty, pornographic book—it is found in a publication of the National Council of Churches, a so-called religious organization, which is advocating the breaking of the Ten Commandments. The Alabama Legislative Commission summarizes the NCC report with the following:

"Contrary to popular belief, The National Council of Churches does not operate as a 'Super Church' and is more of a political pressure group than a religious federation. It maintains a strong lobby in Washington. It is deep in political meddling and social irresponsibility, as shown by its clear history, and enjoys the status of a tax-exempt institution. It was active in support of abolishing public prayer in schools.

"Further proof of its deep and direct involvement in the often violent and always lawless social demonstrations has just been furnished this Commission by Police Chief Virgil Stuart, of St. Augustine, Florida. Police there obtained documented evidence that the financial backing for the demonstrations was sent to St. Augustine in large money orders by the NCC from its National Headquarters. Cashier checks in the amount of nearly six thousand dollars were sent back unused to the NCC from St. Augustine.

"The conclusions are clear. The citizens who support their churches from a feeling of reverence and responsibility, are also being unwittingly used by the NCC in its attack on

racial integrity and individual freedoms in the South."

I should like to let these be the final words of today's program; however, I feel it is necessary to bring to you a quotation from two men. The first is Joseph Zack Kornfeld, former member of the International Secretariat of the Communist Party and graduate of the Lenin School of Political Warfare in Moscow. He says in his speech, "Communist Deception in the Churches."

"In order to fight an enemy effectively, one has to study his ideology. Hence I learned more about religion . . . than I ever had before, but of course it was for the purpose of destroying it . . . In 1929 it was decided that for 'special purposes,' they would instruct certain party members to rejoin the church and ask those in the church to remain there for special purposes. This was based on the old Bolshevik theory that where the masses are, the Communist must be, and that it is stupid to miss an opportunity of infiltrating and indoctrinating the churches. The new objective thus became to get at the millions who are in the churches. Hence, it became necessary for the Communist to go back to church, to recruit in the church, and to carry on the process of 'reinterpretation' and 'demoralization.'

Another man, Manning Johnson, had something to offer along these same lines in his testimony during the investigation of Communist Activities in the New York area. He had this to say:

"Once the tactic of infiltrating religious organizations was set by the Kremlin, the actual mechanics of implementing the 'new line' was a question of following the general experiences of the living church movement in Russia where the Communist discovered that the destruction of religion could proceed much faster through infiltration of the church itself . . . In the earliest stages it was determined that with only small forces available it would be necessary to concentrate Communist agents in the seminaries and divinity schools. The practical conclusion, drawn by the Red leaders, was that these institutions would make it possible for a small Communist minority to influence the ideology of future clergymen in the paths most conducive to Communist purposes . . .

The Communists had some small forces in the seminaries and under the leadership of Harry F. Ward . . . The plan was to make the seminaries the neck of a funnel through which thousands of potential clergymen would issue forth, carrying with them (in varying degrees) an ideology and slant which would aid in neutralizing the anti-Communist character of the church and also to use the clergy to spearhead important Communist projects. This policy was successful beyond even Communist expectations. The combination of Communist clergymen, with a pro-Communist ideology, plus thousands of clergymen who were sold the principle of considering Communist causes as progressive, within 20 years, furnished the Soviet apparatus with a machine which was used as a religious cover for the overall Communist operation ranging from immediate demands to actually furnishing aid in espionage and outright treason . . . It is my conviction, as a former leader of the Communist Party, that those who lead our Nation must expose this plot and the Communist pattern of operation within our churches."

We have just heard a former top official of the Communist Party claim the Communists have had more success in the past 20 years, through infiltration of the churches, than they ever dreamed could come to pass. Can you, the listener, name any single religious group which furthered the Communist conspiracy more than the National Council of Churches?

## DOCUMENTATION

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